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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Iola
4 McGowan of Chicago, who passed away on May 24, 2012; and

5 WHEREAS, Iola McGowan was born on September 8, 1936;
6 following her graduation from Farragut High School in 1954, she
7 started a family and began to spearhead neighborhood efforts in
8 her area; she subsequently graduated from Northeastern
9 Illinois University; and

10 WHEREAS, Iola McGowan had a long and distinguished career
11 in government; she was a former Vice Chairman of the Illinois
12 State Democratic Party and the Democratic National Committee;
13 she served as a Chicago Park District Commissioner and served
14 as the 29th Ward Committeeman for 4 years; she also served on
15 the Board of Cook County Department of Corrections; and

16 WHEREAS, Iola McGowan was fondly known as the "First Lady
17 of the Westside" for her extensive government work in the
18 Chicagoland area; and

19 WHEREAS, Iola McGowan was preceded in death by her husband,
20 Adam "Donald" McGowan; her mother, Ernestine Martin; and her
21 sister, Anna Pearson; and

1 WHEREAS, Iola McGowan is survived by her children, Rhonda
2 Stivers (fiance, Matthew), Gregory McGowan (Patricia), and
3 Allison McGowan (fiance, Shawn); her sister, Laverne Schaffer;
4 her grandchildren, Jason Stivers, Ashley McGowan, and Whitney
5 McGowan; and her many nieces, nephews, other family members,
6 and friends; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we mourn, along with her family and friends, the passing of
10 Iola McGowan; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of Iola McGowan as an expression of our
13 sympathy.